July 9, 1998

Juan C. Martinez-Cruzado, Mayaguezanos for Health and Environment, Inc., Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

U.S.-CHINA TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the Administration's proposed renewal of normal trade relations with China, receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; Zbigniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, former National Security Advisor, Brent Scowcroft, Scowcroft Group, on behalf of the Forum for International Policy, former National Security Advisor, and Mike Jendrzejczyk, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.; Ernest S. Micek, Cargill, Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Rabbi Arthur Schneier, Appeal of Conscience Foundation, New York, New York; Frederick W. Smith, FDX Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; and Warren W. Smith, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SAFETY OF FOOD IMPORTS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations resumed hearings to examine the adequacy of procedures and systems used by the Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration to oversee the safety of food imported into the United States, focusing on the outbreak of Cyclospora associated with fresh raspberries imported into the United States from Central America, receiving testimony from Stephen M. Ostroff, Associate Director for Epidemiologic Science, and Barbara L. Herwaldt, Medical Officer, Division of Parasitic Diseases, both of the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Stephanie A. Smith, Investigator, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Governmental Affairs; and Jeffrey A. Foran, International Life Science Institute, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Š. 512, to amend chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2143, to amend chapter 45 of title 28, United States Code, to authorize the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice to accept voluntary services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 1645, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, and the nomination of Kim McLean Wardlaw, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, July 16.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Beth Nolan, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Moynihan and District of Columbia Delegate Norton, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, July 14 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debate.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1998

Senate

No committee meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:30 a.m., Friday, July 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 14

Senate Chamber

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will vote on S. Con. Res. 107, regarding Taiwan.

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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